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See "ad" on last page.

JOHN D. PARSONS & CO.

Don't buy

Christmas Novelties and Handkerchiefs until you have seen our line. We can please you, and our prices are right.

W. F. Weaver & Co.

Round Corner Block.

A bird in the hand is worth many another in some far off harbor.....

We have a "bird" in the shape of those elegant Banquet, Hanging and Reception Lamps, of which we have a few left that we wish to dispose of before Christmas. This is the third and probably last invoice of these lamps that we will receive this year. We are bound to please you in style and price. Come and see them before they are all gone.

A. H. Tillson, Druggist.

All Consumers Want

Good Coal

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FULL WEIGHT

I Guarantee Both!

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Christmas Is Coming!

You can not get a more desirable or lasting present than a selection from the large and varied assortment of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware and Novelties, Rich Cut Glass and Hand Decorated China, to be found at the Jewelry Store of

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Reliable Goods! Lowest Cash Prices!

Fine Engraving a Specialty...

THE LARGEST STOCK OF CUTLERY IN DIXON!

RAZORS
SCISSORS
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The Celebrated....
Star Safety Razor.

Every Blade Warranted.

Rob. H. Howell,
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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at

WENDEL'S Jewelry Store

Largest assortment of Fine Diamonds and Jewelry, and Hand Decorated China, Rich Cut Glass, and Novelties at the lowest prices.

Call at our store for blanks for our Guessing Contest.

It does not cost a cent to vote....

Just Received a Fresh Assortment of....

Gunthers' Candies

in plain and fancy boxes.

The finest line of Perfumes in the city, including French and Spanish odors.

Lamps and Holiday Goods of all kinds, at the.....

Corner Drug Store.

ROWLAND BROS., Druggist.

—Fred A. Dolph is here from Aurora.

—Treasury Welly is up from Walton.

—W. H. Joseph is here from St. Joseph.

—D. J. Wetherbee is in from the Kingdom.

—Our merchants complain that turkeys are scarce.

—J. W. Wingert is down from Franklin Grove today.

—C. Le Roy Brown was able to be at the office today.

—Atty. E. E. Wingert is in Franklin Grove on business.

—Mrs. Myra A. Dement is spending a few weeks in Chicago.

—Wynn McCamant is out from Chicago for a Christmas visit.

—Mrs. Charles Fargo has gone to Chicago for a Christmas visit.

—Bazaar at Union Hall by the ladies of the Christian church tonight.

—M. Jordan will spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Donahue, in Chicago.

—Mrs. J. E. Grove and daughter, Miss Gertrude, are in Lawn Ridge for a Holiday visit.

—Misses Martha Throop and Gracia Rodgers are home from Chicago for a Christmas visit.

—Ex-Marshall Charles F. Ball has gone to Elgin with the insane patient, Horace Greely Koffman, of Palmyra.

—A marriage license has been granted to J. W. Gooch of Ashton and Miss Addie Crombie of Lee Center.

—Henry Raffensberger is today entertaining Arthur W. Helley of Downs, Kansas, who formerly lived near Sterling.

—Preparation is being made for a Christmas tree at College Chapel tomorrow night. There will be heaps of fun there.

—Deputy M. J. McGowan came home from Amboy last night quite ill with a cold, and Sheriff Gray is attending to the Gridley sale there today.

—A son of Perry Cortright had the end of one finger pinched off while at work at the shoe factory this morning. Dr. Miller dressed the wound.

—Samuel J. Mall and Miss Christana M. Vaupel, of Bradford, aged 22 and 18, have procured a marriage license and will make a honeymoon of the holidays.

—Edward C. Downing, Professor of Latin at Macalester College of St. Paul, is in the city and will spend Christmas with his brother, Attorney W. W. Downing.

—Carrie A. Divine, sister of our former townsman, L. A. Divine, and wife of Frank S. Taylor, died at her home at Albany, Ohio, on the 3rd inst. from nervous prostration.

—Our post master has been forced to discontinue the window carrier service at the post office during the busy season. Too many go there to delay the carriers in getting ready for their regular trips. You will get the mail at the house.

—The Woman's Guild of St. Luke's church will give a holiday social at the Nachusa House Monday, Dec. 29th. Owing to the short time intervening between now and then, all members of the parish will consider themselves invited and invitations will be sent to friends outside. The price will be the same as the last social.

—W. F. Weaver & Co. have a very pretty window display this morning. Against a pleated background of white are suspended handsome silk cushions and sachets, and a variety of light and showy articles, while the window seat is filled (not so full as to confuse the vision) with miscellaneous Christmas goods, in which beautiful translucent celluloid, hand decorated, boxes and baskets predominate. Some potted palms lend grace and color to the arrangement, while in one corner is the suggestive old time fireplace, affording room for the entrance of a generously loaded Santa Claus.

—Dan Donovan's meat market today presents a most inviting holiday appearance. Never before in Dixon has there been exhibited so choice and attractive a display of prize meats. On the racks on either side are rows of finely fattened hams, the halves reaching from ceiling to floor; huge fat mutton, such as to make an Englishman's mouth water as he thinks of his native South Downs; plump porkers and fine turkeys and chickens galore. These fat carcasses are decorated with knots of artificial flowers, while the meat market is tastefully wreathed and festooned with flowers and Christmas greens.

THIS MORNING'S FIRE.

Prof. Strong's Residence Damaged—Wm. Gallagher Badly Burned.

This morning the residence of Prof. W. F. Strong, on Third street near the college, came very near being consumed by fire. Much damage was done to the kitchen and back part of the house before the flames were subdued.

William Gallagher, the painter, who with his son were polishing a floor in the front of the house, was the first to see the blaze. He went to the kitchen to get some oil, saw smoke before he reached the room and when he opened the door fire covered the floor. The people of the house were all up stairs and Gallagher, giving the alarm, snatched up a large rug with which to smother the flames, but in so doing was fearfully burned about the hands and as far up as the sleeves did not protect his arms. His face was burned some, and his whiskers and hair scorched. Suffering greatly, he was taken to Dr. Owens' office, where he was given relief.

Before the fire alarm from the city building was heard the hose wagon with Ulysses Wasley driving and John Erb on the rear step, was at the scene of the fire. Erb as quickly as possible made the hydrant coupling and in the meantime Mr. Wasley had entered the building with a Babcock extinguisher. Neighbors had been fighting the fire with a bucket brigade but it was beyond their control. The Babcock did good and necessary work and when Fire Marshal Graff came in with the city hose Mr. Wasley got out. The team of mules belonging to Joe Schnelbaugh were attached to the new hook and ladder truck in the city building and manned by Will Hartshorn, Will Oakley and others it was galloped to the scene. There was good pressure quickly given by Engineer Boyer at the city water works and the flames were soon out, but much praise is due the firemen for quick work at the first alarm.

The kitchen on the interior was charred, a shed at the rear was almost destroyed and the flames got into the main building mounting to the attic inside the wall and the wainscoting on the back stairway was blistered and charred.

Mr. Gallagher did not see how the fire originated. One theory is that some wax he was heating in the kitchen boiled over and ignited and lighted the oils and paint in the room, and that in his excitement he threw the vessel of burning wax out into the shed. This is the second fire in that dwelling within the month. A burning match ignited a sofa a few weeks ago and caused damage to one room.

Smith & Crabtree had insurance on the furniture and house, and Loveland & Stiteley on the house. The damage is between \$400 and \$500.

The Merchant's Association.

A meeting of the merchants of Dixon was held in the City Council rooms last evening to discuss the propriety of organizing an association to co-operate with the State Merchants' Association in securing favorable legislation. Between thirty and thirty-five of our business firms were represented, and the meeting was addressed by White Dawson of Aurora, vice president of the State Association. His remarks met with much favor and a partial organization was effected, with I. B. Countryman as president and E. J. Condon secretary. Committees were appointed consisting of Messrs. I. B. Countryman, W. C. Jones, Joe Petersberger, Edmund Camp, James Haley, W. F. Weaver, Geo. A. Morris and Sam Long, and the meeting adjourned to January 6th, when the organization will be perfected.

One of the objects of the organization is to have the Pure Food bill, now pending in the legislature, so changed as to make the manufacturer and not the retailer responsible for the sale of adulterated food products. The bill is designed to keep cheap trash out of the market, and it is thought that this can be better effected by striking at the fountain head of supply.

Another object desired by the association is to change the present garnishee law, which makes limit to garnishee \$50. This was all very well, they say, when workmen were paid monthly and frequently had \$50 or more coming to them at time, but now when they are nearly all paid weekly, there is seldom a time when a debtor has over \$50 coming to him in wages, and so can stave off paying a bill as long as he desires. The association wants to have the limit of garnishee much less than \$50.

—The boys who sojourn at Eli's Place have fixed up a window display surreptitiously and when Herr Rosenthal reads this item or accidentally sees the window from without he will chase the boys.

December Clearing Sale!

December 15th to 26th, at Chas. H. Lapham & Co's.

Great Reduction in Prices....

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets 50c on the \$1.00
\$12.00 Garments for \$6.00; \$10.00 value at \$5.00; \$5.00 value at \$2.50.
20 Pieces Best All Wool Carpets, 65c value at 47c.
Lonsdale Muslin 6c.
Heavy 12 1/2c Canton Flannel at 6c.
Fast Color Turkey Red Table Cloth at 17c.
A large line of Manufacturers' Sample Hdks at Wholesale Prices. Everything in every department Greatly Reduced in Price.

EARLY PURCHASES WILL ENSURE BEST SELECTIONS.

Chas. H. Lapham & Co.

Everything For The Holidays!

X-Mas Decorations: Evergreen Wreathing, Holly, Mistletoe, and X-Mas Trees.

We have three tons of candy from 5c a pound and upwards. Special prices on candy to churches.

We want your order for Oysters, Poultry, Strawberries and all Fruits; Radishes, Lettuce, Cucumbers, Wax Beans, California Tomatoes, Spinach, Celery and other vegetables.

Our Stock is Complete and our Prices Right....

J. H. MORRIS & SON
GROCERS



When In Doubt

About what to buy in Books for Christmas visit our store. We have all the LATEST writings of the LEADING AMERICAN WRITERS, and a bountiful stock of HURD'S FINE PAPER in fancy boxes.

Lew. E. Edwards,

Galena Avenue.

For Christmas Presents :::

CUTLERY

Is appreciated as much as anything.

Our stock is very large and complete, and will meet the wants of the slightest purse, as well as the richest. With our long experience and advantages in buying, our customers are assured of the highest value for the prices asked.

Every piece marked in plain figures.

Pocket Knives, Razors, Fine
Manicure Goods, Scissors, Mechanical
Star Safety Razors, Carvers, Tools.

Alexander & Howell
HARDWARE

30 Days Dissolution Sale of our

Dry Goods, Carpets and Notions!

This Sale commences December 15th, and continues until January 15th, 1897.

Mr. Brubaker wishing to retire from business, the entire stock must be sold. Everything goes at cost and lots of goods less than cost.

Brubaker & Carpenter.

Painting, House Decorating!

Those in need of Neat
Frescoing, Painting, Paper
Hanging or Artistic House
Decorating, should consult

E. A. Patrick.

Painting, Paper Hanging, Kalsomining.

Carriage Work a Specialty!
All Work Guaranteed!

JEROME F. MCKENNEY,
New Shop, 111 Hennepin Avenue.

Always sharp shod with the

Neverslip or Holdfast

one trial makes you a
friend for life.



Calks are removable, steel center and con-
sequently self-sharpening. Can be removed
and new ones inserted in a few minutes.
Your horse is always ready for immediate use,
by using these celebrated calks and shoes.
All horseshoers carry a stock. For sale by

E. D. KIMBALL & CO.,
Dealers in Horse Shoes' Supplies,
233 Lake St., CHICAGO.

Illinois Central R.R.

**Pullman Buffet Sleeper every Tuesday
and Saturday night from Chicago, connect-
ing direct at New Orleans with the Southern
Pacific's "Sunset Limited," for Los Angeles
and San Francisco. On these cars for**

CALIFORNIA

— VIA —
NEW ORLEANS

THROUGH RESERVATIONS Chicago to the
Pacific Coast can be made. In addition, **Pull-
man Tourists Sleeper every Wednesday**
THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE from Chicago
to San Francisco, via New Orleans, by the
same route. Also good connections to
the City of Mexico, via New Orleans, to the
Illinois Central and the Southern Pacific
Railroads. Ticket rate as low as by any
other route. Ask your local ticket agent
for special California folder of Illinois Central
Railroad issue.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

at the low rate of One Fare for the Round
Trip, plus \$2.00.

SOUTH

Homeseekers' Excursions to all stations
south of Cairo and west of Fulton, Ky.,
on the line of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo
& Mississippi Valley Railroads, except to
points between Brighton, Tenn., and Mem-
phis, and except New Orleans; also to certain
additional territory in the South and South-
east, from stations on its line west of and in-
cluding Iowa Falls, and between Jacksonville
and Lyle and Ryan and Cedar Rapids, on
November 16th and 30th and December 14th,
and all stations east of Iowa Falls, and in
Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana on November
17th and December 1st and 15th. Tickets to
the above points will also be sold on Novem-
ber 16th and 30th and December 14th, from
stations in Illinois south of and including
Chicago and El Paso as far as Centralia. For a
copy of the Southern Homeseekers' Guide
for 1896, address at Manchester, Iowa, J. E.
Merry, A. G. P. A. For information in re-
gard to Railroad Lands in Southern Illinois
and in the famous Yazoo Valley of Missis-
sippi, address at Chicago, E. P. Skene, Land
Commissioner, I. C. R. R.

In addition to the above, homeseekers
tickets will be sold from stations in Illinois,
Wisconsin and Indiana, and stations in Iowa
east of and including Cedar Rapids to points
WEST AND SOUTHWEST

November 17th and December 1st and 15th,
including points on the Illinois Central west of
Iowa Falls, inclusive, and to Waverly.
Tickets and full information concerning all
of the above can be had of agents of the Central
Route and connecting lines.



Thurston's PILLS

Are perfect health jewels, nev-
er known to distress, but in-
valuable to relieve. When every
thing else has failed to bring
you relief for headache, bil-
iousness, stomach and liver
troubles, try THURSTON'S
DRUGGIST for THURSTON'S
and package.

THE NOW AND THEN.

The globe, like all the universe
That fills the niche profound,
Whirls on as endless cycles tick
Its high appointed round.
The must of need is laid on man.
He meets it with his will;
Their contact brings forth fate, and Jack
And Jill went up the hill!

Oh, baseless fabrics of the air!
Oh, youth's enchanted lands!
What castles made of dreams are reared
On fancy's shifting sands!
Awful an Eden is the lot
Of every son and daughter
Eve gives unto the world. They went
To fetch a pail of water

What are we but the toys of fate?
Dark courses in the sky
Map out to erudition's gaze
Where suns lived but to die;
Volcanoes yawn and jibe at man,
His nooks the earthquake's laughter.
Then Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Each heart some trace of Egypt has.
Where ruins, deserts, lie,
And o'er them all the sphynx looms up
With its eternal why
Perhaps the hill the pair went up
Was a tank built by the town
And scared to death they feared its banks
Might break ere they walked down
—Philadelphia Times

THE BIBLE.

Manuscripts of the New and the Old Testa-
ments Often Rewritten.

The New Testament, as we know it,
comes down to us after having been kept
for hundreds of years in manuscript form
by the priests, "fathers of the church,"
and others. The writings have been
copied and recopied probably scores of
times, at least as often as occasion re-
quired, being always renewed before
becoming unintelligible by use and
wear. The two oldest of these manu-
scripts now known are the Codex Vati-
canus and the Codex Bezae Cantabrigie,
each of which dates from the fourth century,
A. D. The languages originally used in
this work were Hebrew and Greek, but
after the year 300 A. D. the manu-
scripts were all, or nearly all, written
in Latin. The last mentioned language
was that adopted by the Roman church
in their translations and was known as
the "Vulgate," because commonly used
in the churches. As far back as the sev-
enth century portions of the Vulgate
were translated into old English, and it
was also the version used by Wicliffe
(Wycliffe), Purvey and their predecessors
and was the first book printed from
movable type, 1450-5.

Tyndale's version was from a German
translation of the original Greek, made
by Martin Luther.

The "Authorized version," or King
James' translation, was made by 47 of
the most eminent British scholars and
was finished in the year 1611. The
Latin Vulgate was the main version
used by them; but, so far as they were
accessible, other manuscripts, both in
the Greek and Hebrew, were consulted
and compared.

The manuscripts of the Old Testa-
ment have had similar experiences, hav-
ing been written and rewritten thou-
sands of times since the first collection
was put in writing by the priests and
leaders of the Israelites, about the year
1500 B. C. All of the older copies have,
of course, been worn out or lost ever
since long before the birth of Christ,
the oldest copies in manuscript form
now in existence, so far as is known,
dating from the year 500 A. D.—St.
Louis Republic.

Jewish Immunity From Disease.

Out of a total population in New
York of 1,891,000, 70.46 per cent, or
1,333,000, live in 39,138 tenement
houses. Apartment houses of the better
class are not included among tenement
houses. It is a somewhat remarkable
fact that the lowest death rate in the
city is in one of the most thickly set-
tled tenement house districts, occupied
by some of the poorest people, in the
wards where the Jewish population is
the densest. The death rate among the
crowded Jews was in 1891 only 18.73 to
each 1,000, and in 1893 only 17.14. The
comparatively clean habits of these
Jews, their observance of the Mosaic
law about food and their abstinence from
alcoholic liquors are given as explana-
tions of their low death rate. In the
Italian districts the death rate is double
what it is among the Jews and the pop-
ulation not so dense, and even in the
wards occupied by wealthy people the
death rate is greater than among the
Jews. The Fourth, Fourteenth and
Eighteenth are the Italian wards, and the
death rate in 1893 was 33.78, 35.12
and 31.98 respectively.—Springfield Re-
publican.

The Kaiser's Uniforms.

The task of looking after the uniforms
and other costumes of the Emperor Wil-
liam is by no means a sinecure. All
these different and greatly varying ar-
ticles of attire, as diversified as those of
the disposal of a star actor, are care-
fully kept, systematically arranged and in
large wardrobes, and at the head of the
department is an official entitled the
obergarderobier, who has under his com-
mand two valets de chambre. The nauti-
cal uniforms are placed under the
charge of an ex-subofficer of the Ger-
man navy. Before the emperor under-
takes any one of his many expeditions
the obergarderobier is provided with an
extensive list of all the dresses and
other paraphernalia that will be re-
quired.—London Tit-Bits.

Knew All About It.

Overheard in crowd watching a bal-
loon:
Mrs. Harris—How do they make the
balloon go up?
Mrs. Gamp—They toss some sand out,
to be sure.
Mrs. Harris—And what do they do
when they want to come down?
Mrs. Gamp—They put some more in,
of course.—Pick Me Up.

"The Feast of Fools" was a name
given by the monks to the Christmas
holiday which took the place of the Sat-
urnalia.

Pembina, the Dakota city, is said to
have an Indian name meaning red berry.

IN CASE OF SYNCOPE.

MOMENTARY HEART PARALYSIS THAT
REQUIRES STIMULANTS.

Different Methods of Treatment and How
They Should Be Applied—Whatever Is
Done Must Be Done Without Delay,
Which Is Dangerous.

It is an everyday occurrence to see
persons in a weak condition, just up
from a sickbed or under the influence
of some great emotion, grow suddenly
pale, lose consciousness and faint. A
more or less complete suspension of
breathing takes place, corresponding to
a check, or, at any rate, to a consider-
able decrease in the circulation of the
blood. This condition is called syncope,
and is in reality a momentary paralysis
of the heart. If immediate help is not
afforded, syncope may in some cases be
the cause of death.

Nothing is better known than the
different means to be used in case of
syncope; the most important points are
to facilitate the flow of the blood, to
keep up what remains of the weakened
energy of the heart contraction and to
remove every obstacle to restoration of
the circulation of the blood.

From these points of view to place
the patient in a horizontal position is a
practice that is as efficacious as it is
habitual. In this way not only is it
easier for the heart to keep the mass of
blood in motion, but the head, which it
is best to put in a lower position than
the body, receives a larger supply of
blood than before, so that the lack of
blood in the brain, the initial cause of
the syncope, is very largely compen-
sated.

To carry still further this relative
congestion of the brain, it has even been
suggested to stand such patients liter-
ally on their head, and by following
this practice, as nearly as could be done,
Nelson and Campbell reported cases in
which patients were brought back to
consciousness who would otherwise have
infallibly succumbed.

It is with a similar purpose that we
should make all haste to remove the
patient's corset, to loosen collar and
cravat—in a word, to loosen all the
clothing—and to carry the patient into
the open air. In this way many ob-
stacles to the circulation of the blood
are removed, but the special advantage
in the practice is that the expansion of
the lungs becomes less impeded and
easier.

If, however, in spite of these meas-
ures of relief, the syncope continues, we
must have recourse to remedies of an-
other kind, numerous and varied in na-
ture, but all designed to bring back and
stimulate the contraction of the heart
muscle.

The return of general consciousness
should be stimulated by sudden and vi-
olent shaking of the patient, by dash-
ing cold water on the face and by rub-
bing the skin with alcohol or vinegar.
These are best applied to the temples,
lips or palms of the hands. It is also
well to rub the hands and feet, limbs
and even the entire surface of the body
in an energetic manner with a hair
glove or any other rough tissue with
which any stimulating lotion that may
be at hand can be applied, such as brandy
or eau de cologne.

The special senses should also be
stimulated. The patient should be made
to breathe any strongly smelling stuff
that may be at hand—sal volatile, vine-
gar, acetic acid or ammonia. By these
different means, which are more or less
energetic and almost always effica-
cious, the stimulants of the heart con-
tractions bring back its beats, while the
resumption of circulation carries once
more to the brain the blood necessary
for its working.

If these different means are still in-
sufficient, artificial respiration should
be resorted to without delay. The pa-
tient should be placed on the back, the
head as low as possible, turned to one
side and the mouth wide open. The op-
erator stands at the side of the head,
seizes the two elbows firmly and draws
them as far upward and away from the
body as possible, thereby dilating the
chest and allowing the air to enter the
lungs.

An assistant, placed by the patient's
legs, rests both hands on the sides of
the base of the chest and brings pres-
sure to bear on it at the very moment
when the patient's elbows are being
brought back to the sides again after
having been raised to a maximum. In
a word, the assistant acts in such a way
as to help to drive out the air that has
been sent into the lungs by the exten-
sion of the arms. Two skillful opera-
tors can in this way, by working well
together, carry on an almost normal de-
gree of breathing.

It is advisable not to go too quickly,
as the average human being does not
breathe more than about 16 times a
minute.

If in one or two minutes the syncope
has not come to an end, there is no use
relying any longer on this measure, and
it will be best to resort to rhythmical
tractions of the tongue according to
the method of M. Laborde of Paris.
This method, which is constantly giv-
ing the most unhopied for results in
cases of asphyxia, consists in opening
the patient's mouth, in seizing the
tongue with the fingers and a piece of
linen and in drawing it forward with
strong rhythmical tractions, slowly and
methodically, 15 to 18 times a minute.

The return to consciousness is usually
announced by the utterance of a loud,
deep and long expiration.

When the patient has recovered from
the fainting fit, the syncope is naturally
cured, but we have still to try to pre-
vent a recurrence of this disagreeable
accident. This can be done naturally by
ascertaining its cause.—Paris Herald.

Improving.

"I don't mind the city so much now.
I'm getting accustomed to its ways."
"Are you? How?"

"Well, I used to turn two somersaults
every time I got off a street car, and
now I turn only one."—Chicago Record.

Free Pills

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen
& Co., Chicago, and get a free sample
box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A
trial will convince you of their merits.
These pills are easy in action and are
particularly effective in the cure of con-
stipation and Sick Headache. For
Malaria and Liver troubles they have
been proved invaluable. They are
guaranteed to be perfectly free from
every deleterious substance and to be
purely vegetable. They do not weaken
by their action, but by giving tone to
stomach and bowels greatly invigorate
the system. Regular size 25c. per box.
Sold by A. H. Tillson, Druggist.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St.
South Gardner, Mass., was told by the
doctors. His son had Lung trouble,
following Typhoid Malaria, and he
spent three hundred and seventy-five
Dollars with doctors, who finally gave
him up, saying: "Your boy won't live
a month." He tried Dr. King's New
Discovery and a few bottles restored
him to health and enable him to go to
work perfectly well man. He says he
owes his present good health to use of
Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows
it to be the best in the world for Lung
trouble. Trial Bottles Free at A. H.
Tillson's Drug Store.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts,
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,
Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands,
Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Erup-
tions, and positively cures Piles, or no
pay required. It is guaranteed to give
perfect satisfaction or money refunded.
Price 25 cents per box. For sale by
A. H. Tillson, Druggists, Dixon, Illi-
nois.

Clinton, Missouri.

Mr. A. Armstrong, an old druggist,
and a prominent citizen of this enter-
prising town, says: "I sell some forty
different kinds of medicines, but have
never in my experience sold so much of
any one article as I have of *Ballard's
Hemorrhoid Syrup*. All who use it say
it is the most perfect remedy for Cough,
Cold, Consumptions and all diseases of
the Throat and Lungs they have ever
tried." It is a specific for Croup and
Whooping Cough. It will relieve a
cough in one minute. Contains no op-
iates. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by
Bunnell & Barley.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This wonderful Liniment is known
from the Atlantic to the Pacific and
from the Lakes to the Gulf. It is the
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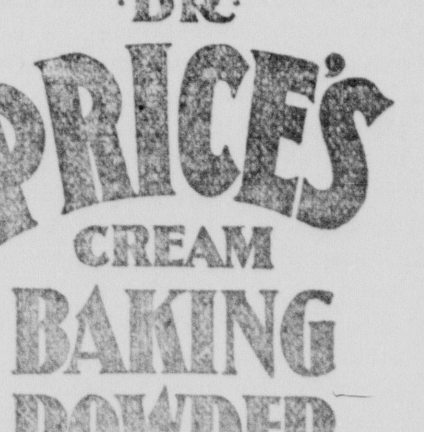
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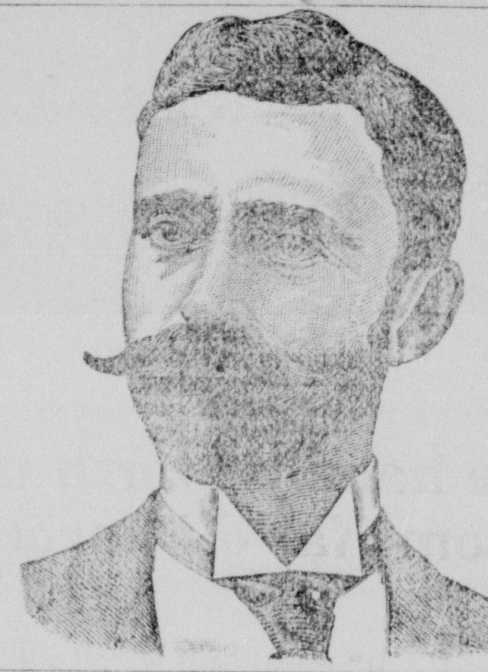
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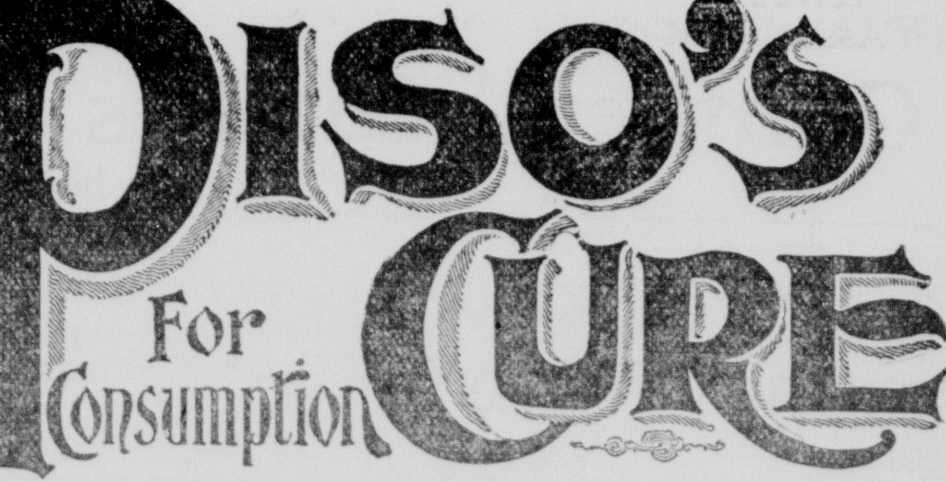
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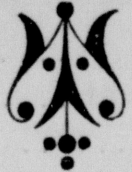
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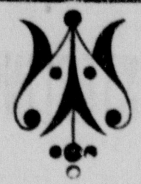
Porcelain, in round tubular shape, chromo decoration..... **12c**
Same as above, though much larger..... **18c**
Bohemian blown glass, in Etruscan designs, each..... **25c**
Large porcelain vases, in all colors fancy floral paintings, each..... **24c**

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Bisque vases, in Grecian shapes, handsomely hand painted, each..... **49c**
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Heavy embossed silk plush box, trimmed with figured celluloid ornaments, silk lined, fitted with comb, brush and mirror..... **\$1.19**
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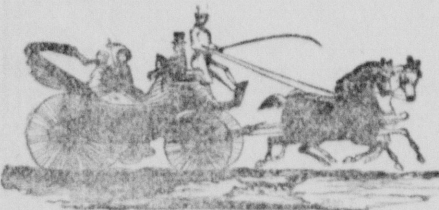
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Horner-Miller Wedding.

Last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the beautiful and commodious residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horner, South Dixon, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillian, to Edward G. Miller. Rev. Fickinger performed the ceremony which united the happy couple as husband and wife.

The parlors were illuminated and decorated with cut flowers and Christmas holly.

The bridal couple, escorted by Miss Minnie Bothe and James Mouken, took their places before the company while the wedding march was played by Miss Cora Floto.

The bride was attired in a robe of sky blue brocade satin with pearl trimming and carried carnations, the bridesmaid wore sky blue silk and also carried carnations. The groom and best man wore conventional black.

This marriage unites two of South Dixon's most estimable young people. Lillian was reared from childhood in this vicinity. Her loveliness of disposition and kindness of heart with rich endowments of virtues and graces of lovely womanhood have caused her to be esteemed and admired by her entire circle of friends. Edward Miller, who has won so rare a jewel of womanhood, is from Somerset, Penn., but for the past five years has made Dixon his home. Edward is a young man of excellent parts, good habits and future promise.

The presents were useful and numerous. They consisted of silverware, chinaware, wooden, linen, crockery, etc.

Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness in the useful service of their chosen field.

The young couple have very sensibly gone to house-keeping at present with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horner.

Those present from Dixon and surrounding country were as follows: Messrs. and Mesdames—

A. J. Horner, Rev. Fickinger, Dr. Brown, Hiram Linderman, G. B. Linderman, Chas. Barren, Cyr Barusen, Henry Young, J. C. Smith, John Lint, F. S. Cortright, Floto, Albert Juelfs, Frank Lint, Calvin Meese, W. Glessner, Chancey Hart, L. E. Burket, D. E. Burket, Frank Young, Ben Snyder, Fred Remely, Mark Hartzel, Ephraim Horner, Cyrus Ankney, J. Wilbur Cortright, Harvey Deeter, John Missman, Samuel Patterson and Samuel Guisler.

Mesdames:—

Henry Reector, Chas. Walters, Henry Bothe and Howard Burckett.

Misses:—

Minnie Bothe, Hattie and Sadie Horner, Edna Brown, Edna Linderman, Bertie Ream, Edith Juelfs, Cora Floto, Buckaloo, Florence Barren, Edith Missman, Stella Lint, Bessie Young, Meese, Olive and Hazel Hart, Olive and Nettie Burket, V. Bothe and Lillian Bothe, Grace and Bertha Flint, Lucinda Coltrin.

Messrs:—

Frank Horner, James Mouken, Jessie Beach, Percy Smith, Clinton Buckaloo, Floto, Allie Juelfs, Chas. Horner, Leon Burket, Glenn Burket, Albert Horner, Harry Lint, George Brown, Jacob Snyder, Toots, Harvey Sennett, Orin Coltrin, Hemminger, Lebowich, Barrens and Hut.

The wedding feast was the most sumptuous affair, and those who attended speak in great praise of all the arrangements.

The Nachusa Band was in attendance and well entertained the visitors.

A feast fit for the gods was spread for the large number of invited guests, and altogether it was one of the most delightful weddings which have occurred in this vicinity for years.

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done in Judge Farrand's Court

Estate of William Delaney, deceased; order granted setting aside a sale of real estate.

Estate of Allie C. A. Dysart, deceased; B. F. Dysart appointed administrator. Bond approved and claim day set.

In Rags and Disguised.

A ragmuffin masquerade will be given by Co. G, I. N. G., at the Opera House Friday evening and the gallery will be open to guests. Money prizes will be given for most appropriate costumes.

Walker Whiteside, Walker Whiteside, The Merchant of Venice, Dixon Opera House, Dec. 30.

SUBURBAN SIFTINGS.

Hints and Happenances in Surrounding Towns and Villages.

AMBOY.

Dec. 21.—Saturday afternoon Mayor Chase was playing with his pet water-spaniel at the house. The dog jumped up and bit him in the face. At present he is confined to the house.

I understand Fordham & Gehant have placed a bid on the Amboy News, also A. B. Chase; at least they are both figuring on it.

Gridley Bros' sale is going on at present. Sold about \$1500 worth of goods last week. M. J. McGowan has charge of sale.

EAST INLET.

Dec. 21.—Several of the family of Mr. Signor living on the Swamp are very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Willis of Lee Centre visited Mrs. Hill one day last week.

Our teacher closed his school last Friday to attend the Institute at Ashton.

Hunting rabbits is all the go since the snow came.

Richard Brown entertained company from Sublette last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill visited last Sunday with Henry Adams and family.

G. Harding and Cha. Conibear went to Amboy last Saturday. TRIKEY

HARMON.

Dec. 22.—Our grain dealers are taking in ear corn by the thousands of bushels, all of the time building new cribs to put it in.

Many of our people are affected with the gripe and severe colds.

Mrs. Keenan is very poorly with asthmatic trouble.

Some of our people are down with the measles. The chickenpox is among the children.

A number of public sales are advertised to take place soon in our neighborhood.

Last Thursday night a team ran away between Drew's and Behrent's farms, tearing down the fence and damaging the buggy. Fortunately no one was hurt.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Rosbrook, the mother of Mrs. Ackert, is very low at this writing, her death being hourly expected.

Elias Gandy, who has been away on a visit, has returned.

Samuel Manning has commenced work on his place.

The corn shredder has been in our neighborhood, and did work for several of the farmers.

There have been some parties here to purchase land.

McWilliams has been pressing and shipping stawk.

There is talk that there will be a hedge ditch up through our land south of town.

The surveyor, Mr. Holbrook of Sterling, was here last week doing some surveying for Mr. Scanlan.

Mr. Drew has his house finished, except painting.

David Hill expects to move to town this week.

Mrs. Wixcom and Fannie Williams have been on the sick list. NIHIL.

FRANKLIN GROVE.

Dec. 21.—J. W. Wingert was a Dixon visitor Thursday.

Mrs. C. Durkes is visiting her children at Erie this week.

Caleb Forbes was home from Rochelle the first of the week.

H. I. Lincoln drove to Oregon on business last Saturday.

A masque dance is billed for Christmas Eve at the village hall.

Miss Mabelle Black is home from a six week's visit with relatives in Chicago.

F. R. Ramsdell went to Chicago yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the American Shetland Pony Club. Ferrie is getting into the pony business in good shape and is bound to make a success of it.

It being near Christmas—as usual—the attendance of the Sunday-schools is greatly increased.

Rev. O'Neal's revival meetings held in the M. E. church for the past three weeks closed Friday evening.

The week of prayer will be observed in the Presbyterian church, commencing January 3.

SOUTH DIXON.

Schuyler Goodyear, our viola player, has gone east to spend a couple of months. During his absence the orchestra will suspend rehearsals.

Charles Fitts' sons shot seventeen rabbits last Thursday.

Ralph Long met with an accident that might have terminated fatally. Ralph, who is only twelve years old, attempted to drive across the railroad while trains in close proximity were approaching from either direction. They whistled loudly for the crossing, signalled for brakes and attempted to stop, but before one of the trains could be brought to a standstill it had struck the buggy, completely wrecking it and leaving the harness to pieces. The boy and horse escaped uninjured. The horse in its flight jumped a barbed wire fence and did not receive even a scratch. We understand that the railroad company will settle the damages.

Tramps again visited the school house, gained entrance by lifting off a blind and burned all the wood that had been carried in for the next morning's fire.

Bad colds are the prevailing fashion here at present. Several of the gripe victims are recovering. CELLO.

PALMYRA.

Dec. 23.—Mrs. L. W. Mitchell returned from a visit to Clinton, Iowa, Saturday.

Elwin Johnson is home from Chicago for the holidays.

A Christmas sermon is promised us for next Sunday.

It having been the custom to discontinue Sabbath-school after Christmas until the following April, a movement was set on foot last Sunday to hold it through the entire year. It met with general approval and there will be Sabbath-school the year through.

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday-school Christmas eve. A very pleasing program has been arranged.

James Fletcher of Elgin, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity, returned home Tuesday. Mr. Fletcher has been doing business in Elgin for eighteen years. He assures our dairymen that their milk contract is far better in many ways than that of the Elgin company.

THE MODERN OYSTER STEW.

The Middle Aged Man Contrasts It With the Stew of Before the War.

"When I was a boy, before the war," said a middle aged man, "the price of an oyster stew in a good ordinary restaurant was 12½ cents. The price has gradually gone up until now, in a good restaurant, an ordinary stew costs 25 cents. In the old restaurant there was a cloth upon the table, but this cloth, unless you happened to find it when it had just been put on, was apt to be frescoed with coffee stains. There were catchup and vinegar and so on, some of them perhaps in bottles in a casket. Perhaps the waiter gave you a pickle or two. The light was not very bright. The waiter brought the stew in an oyster plate, and as the hot broth washed about a little in the plate as he carried it and set it down you were afraid it might burn his thumb. But the oysters were good. Let me pause to remark that the oyster is something to be grateful for.

"Today the table, without a cloth perhaps, is cherry or mahogany, finely polished. For a cloth there is spread before you a napkin of ample dimensions and bright and fresh. The pickle is chopped up celery and very good. You get two kinds of crackers, and plenty of them, and a generous portion of French bread. The butter comes in a slightly little cone. The table furniture is all good—dishes, glass, everything. The spread before you is agreeable to the eye, and the whole scene is brilliantly lighted with the modern incandescent lamps. The stew comes in an oval dish that rests upon a plate. I don't like to eat out of such a dish so well as I do out of a plate, but you know at least there is no danger burning the waiter's thumb. The oysters are good; the whole arrangement is away beyond the stew of before the war. It costs more, but are we not better able to pay for it? For general get up and get and dash and style and comfort the old stew couldn't begin to compare with it. The modern oyster stew is one of many things that we do an everlasting sight better than we did."—New York Sun.

THREE THRILLING TALES.

The Liars' Club Awarded Prizes to These Short Stories.

After his narrow escape Zeb Vaughan of Pasadena fell on his knees and thanked heaven for a miraculous deliverance from certain death. So would any one else who had been grasped in the iron clutch of a 1,400 pound grizzly while ten miles from a gun or a cabin. Zeb never lost his presence of mind and began tickling the bear's ear with a feather he had picked up absentmindedly, and the bear began laughing so hard that he could neither close his arms to squeeze nor his mouth to bite. Zeb continued tickling until the bear laughed so hard that he burst a blood vessel and fell down, dying.

A couple of Montana turkeys recently killed had taken into their aristocratic craws to assist in deglutition 13 valuable sapphires, several ounces of gold and just enough silver for change. It is now fashionable among Montana poultry to have jeweled interiors, and it is estimated that the emulous fowls of the new state have within 11 months of 1894 scratched up and swallowed \$11,637,514.65 worth of gems and precious metals.

A girl in Kalamazoo who was not satisfied with squeezing a 26 inch waist into an 18 inch corset of the ordinary construction, devised one of rope yarn ribbed with clothesline. Thus arrayed she took a bath, when the wetted and contracting fiber brought the measurement down to 9½ inches. In delight she gasped: "Oh, haven't I got—a just lovely figure now? And it's—so loose—and comfortable."—New York Advertiser.

Potatoes as Penholders.

"It is surprising," says a commercial traveler, "how general the use of potatoes as penholders is becoming in hotels. I have seen them in use in great hostleries of the east, whose owners wouldn't hesitate for a moment to spend \$10 for a desk ornament to hold pens used by the guests in registering. The mixture of starch, glucose and water in the potato seems well adapted to take up the impurities of ink and to keep the pen point clear and bright, while the alkaloid of the potato, known as solanine, doubtless has something to do with it in the same line. These elements readily take up the tannate of iron, which is the body substance of ink. Chemically speaking, starch is the first base of a potato, and sugar or glucose is its second base. Thus is the humble potato finding another way in which to serve the uses of mankind."—New York Tribune.

Explained.

Two friends, a weaver and a tailor, became in time enemies, so much so that the tailor spoke much evil of the weaver behind his back, though the weaver always spoke well of the tailor. Upon a lady asking the weaver why he always spoke so well of the tailor, who spoke so ill of him, he replied, "Madam, we are both liars."—Humor of Spain."

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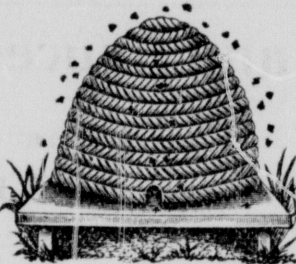
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"For Christmas and all the year round."

What To Buy !

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There's nothing that a wife, mother or sister will appreciate more than a pair of our elegant new shoes, built on the newest lasts, with thick or thin soles, or a pair of those stylish and comfortable leggings or overgaiters.

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Everything you want in the TOY LINE at the lowest prices. Special price on Bibles, and late publications by popular authors.

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"Ice Cream,
"Fruits,
"Nuts,
"Oysters, &c., &c.

AT.....
C. E. GROVE.
55 First St. The Baker.

Countryman's Christmas Window.

The most elaborate display in window dressing ever attempted in Dixon is artistically conceived and successfully carried out in the large double window of the I. B. Countryman Co. store. Looking through the large plate glass front framed in evergreen, the beholder sees first in the foreground a row of trays, bordered with evergreen and filled with raisins, berries, dried fruit and nuts; wandering around among which are some comical figures of Cox's brownies. These are flanked and interspersed with a fine display of canned and bottled goods. From the canopy above, marked off in squares, depend handkerchiefs and gloves, the whole festooned with holly and smilax. The background, about five feet from the glass, is mostly made up of linen fabrics and palms. But all this is only the setting for the emblematic tableaux which occupy the middle ground. To the left is a full-sized old-fashioned fireplace, to the chimney of which are pinned a row of stockings, and flanked on either side by a pair of white rabbits. Approaching the fireplace is a life-size figure of Santa Claus dressed in a red-hooded cloak and bearing on his shoulders a well-filled pack. His right hand rests upon the head of a reindeer which is apparently thrust into the apartment through an opening in the background. But the eye wanders from this central figure of old Kris Kringle to the right of the scene, where another Christmas tableau has been effectively wrought out by Clyde Wicher, Mr. Countryman's artistic window dresser. Crouched on the floor is a life-sized wax figure of the Virgin dressed in soft white drapery and with hands outstretched and head bowed over a figure of the infant Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying at her feet. Just above and a little to the right are the heads of an ox and an ass thrust through a double stanchion, apparently eating out of a manger, while on the cross-timber of the stall, as if it had just alighted, is a white dove with wings outspread. The Christmas idea in its origin and in its anticipatory aspects, is wonderfully well worked out

—Our genial citizen, Robert W. Saals, formerly a resident of Palmyra, where he has a host of friends, has received from Conkey Co., book publishers of Chicago, the sole agency of Lee county for the sale of Hon. W. J. Bryan's new book entitled "The First Battle." He is very sanguine of success, and his many friends throughout the county wish him prosperity.

—The Board of Lady Managers of the Dixon Public Hospital are laying plans for the early opening of that important improvement and addition to the city's sanitary institutions, and hope to have everything ready for a public opening on New Year's day, 1897. The occasion will be one of general interest and we shall then give it the attention that present time and space forbid.

—There appears to be a number of lawyers in the neighboring towns and counties thirsting for office, and nothing short of a judgship appears to satisfy them. They propose to organize a new judicial district out of Lee and other counties on the east that there may be more judges to elect. Lee most respectfully but firmly declines the honor of providing for briefless lawyers by adding useless judgships simply for their benefit. The thing will not work.

—Some thief is liable to get into trouble. Recently M. Jordan levied on the property of Albert Moss, for house rent of the place up the river, just beyond the Dutch gardens, and left a portion of the things in the house, from which the family had removed. He has since found the doors unlocked, windows broken and the things, including chickens, taken from the place. Mr. Jordan says he will give \$10 for evidence that will lead to the conviction of the thief.

—Senator Palmer of our state offers a resolution in the senate of the United States this afternoon which will have a tendency to knock much of the whangdoodle out of many rantankerous congressional speeches on the Cuban question. He wants the committee on Foreign Relations to locate the Cuban capital, tell about its constitution and other necessary concomitants pertaining to a government which the senate is called upon to recognize. There is a bit of statesmanship in Senator Palmer's resolution.

—Don DeTour's deposits delight many; besides the happy owner. Directly opposite Avis avenue to the east, the writer accompanied by a New York quarryman on a stroll, discovered a mammoth quarry, which upon close and critical examination proves to be without a doubt a most perfect lime stone in quantities almost without a limit. According to his judgement (who by the way is an expert) the stone is now worth several hundred dollars and many more when the Dixon and Rockford railroad passes close by. It is indeed very valuable for all practical purposes.

Church Dedication at Eldena.

The new Evangelical church at Eldena, Ill., was dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, by Bishop R. Dubs of Chicago. Rev. W. H. Fouke, P. E., preached the opening sermon on Saturday evening to a large congregation. On Sunday morning the people began to come early so that even before the time for preaching to begin the house was packed. Some had to stand. The Bishop preached a powerful sermon after which he announced that \$650.00 was needed to cover all expenses. It seemed almost impossible to raise that much as the people had already contributed so liberally. But the collecting began in a lively manner and was continued for a short time, when the congregation was dismissed. The Bishop preached again in the evening and another invitation was given to such who were not present in the morning to contribute toward the erection of God's house; only a few minutes were spent in this way when more than the required sum was obtained. The church was then dedicated free of debt, as the Beulah of the United Evangelical church of Eldena, Ill. All went away rejoicing on account of the good meetings and grand success. *

Barnes' Table Talk.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 21, 1896. Awake! my muse, once more take wing. Of Christmas joys break forth and sing; Let merry laughter end each song. And praise your Lord the whole day long. Praise Him because this is His day— A day revered by grave and gay; And when at last the shadows fall, On scenes of mirth enjoyed by all. Let each one think of good deeds done— Of battles fought and victories won— Of those who helped in some kind way. To brighten up their Christmas day: Then all will be well with you and yours: The day thus spent long life insures.

This makes the twenty-third anniversary of my connection with THE DIXON TELEGRAPH, and I have never yet failed to wish the paper, and its readers, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Dear me! what changes have occurred in those years; what hopes have come and gone forever; what castles we have built in the air, that have never had any other foundation; and how we regret the fact that we are not a citizen of your beautiful and thrifty city. Well, there is no use of crying over spilt milk. Some one, some day, will write to us and say: "Barnes, come home, and all will be forgiven," and I will come; that is, if you will find something for me to do.

We are going to have a big time down here on the 11th; that is, if the weather will permit. Preparations are going on now that will eclipse anything ever attempted in the inauguration of a governor—and I am glad of it. The Republican party and the state of Illinois ought to be tickled that they have a chance to make a change from such a governor as we now have, and all should come who can to witness such a glorious change.

W. J. BARNES.

Property Transferred.

Edward L. Johnson to G. E. Shields, 1 76 Stienmann's add—\$160.
G. L. Schuler estate Gottlieb Schick, is 5, 5, 7, 8 in sec 31 Palmyra—\$1.
Estate of S. McCoy to T. M. Robbins, A. D., sec 34 of ne 1/4 of sec 34 sec 28 Amboy—\$146.
Wesley Stewart to J. Bliss, pt 4W 1/4 of sec 16 Alto—\$1643.
Aurelia DeWolf to Pauline Bliss, qcd, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 4 pt lot 2 in nw 1/4 sec 9 Lee Center—\$1.
L. M. Fairbanks to I. D. Smith sw 1/4 sec 33 Reynolds—\$8,000.
J. G. Gety to L. M. Fairbanks, sw 1/4 sec 33 Reynolds—\$7,200.
Minerva Aldrich to Dainah Aldrich, is 6, 7, 8 b 53 N. Dixon—\$2,600.

Walker Whiteside, Walker Whiteside, The Merchant of Venice, Dixon Opera House, Dec. 30.

A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of dyspepsia, your stomach is tired. It needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this successfully, we must use a food which is already digested outside the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods taken with it. Such a product is the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

The Shakers have utilized the digestive principles present in plants for the manufacture of this article, and its success has been truly phenomenal. You can try it for the nominal sum of 10 cents, as sample bottles are sold by all druggists at this price.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

On December 24, 25, 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, The Chicago & North-Western Ry. will sell excursion tickets at low rates to all points on the North-Western Line and Union Pacific System, within 200 miles of selling station, good for return passage until January 4, 1897, inclusive. For tickets and full information apply to agents, Chicago & North-Western Ry.

Amusement, Business and Local Items

W. N. Treleven, the optician will spend Christmas with friends in Dixon, and may be seen by any desiring their eyes examined, at the Methodist Parsonage next Saturday, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. 38t3

Leave your orders for Christmas Meringues, Mocaroons, Lady fingers, etc. BIER BROS., Bakery. 37t4

The finest Black Dress Goods for Christmas Presents at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

Camp & Son are selling furniture at prices that please, and are supplying car loads of Christmas presents. 37t4

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 23 and 24, the two Banner Days for Bargains at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

For a nice pipe call on C. F. Furley, he has the nicest line in the city. 33tf

Everything in the Christmas line must be sold Wednesday and Thursday at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

If you want a nice box of cigars for yourself or a friend during the holidays drop in to C. F. FURLEY'S. 33tf

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Present than a beautiful Imported Dress Pattern in Black or Colors. You can buy them at The Dollar Saver at less than importation prices. 38t2

Pure Buckwheat Flour cheap at Baldwin's. 38tf

All Dolls and fancy Christmas goods will be sold Wednesday and Thursday at prices that will clean them all out. The Dollar Saver. 38t2

A. I. Gage is now running hacks to all trains, or any part of the city. Day calls leave at Parker's Drug Store, telephone 45; night calls at Hotel Bishop, Telephone 135. 26tf

Greatest of all bargains Wednesday and Thursday in Fine Dress Goods, Silks, Satins, Velvets, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Muffs, Boas, Gloves, Hosiery, Dolls, Shopping Bags, Pin Trays, Head Puts, Ties, Tam O Shanter, and all fancy goods. These bargains only at The Dollar Saver. 38t2

Hacks to trains or to any part of the city. Leave orders at L. E. Edwards store, Galena avenue; evenings or Sundays at the Nachusa House; or telephone to stable on third street at any time. Telephone No. 133. 14tf

Soft coal that burns as clear as wood is nice, and Pitcher is the only one in Dixon who sells it. It is the Assumption. 39t3

The Woman's Exchange will be open Thursday 24, with a large variety of nice Cakes, Quince Pies, Bread and Cookies, for Christmas. The Exchange will not be open Saturday. 38t2

NOTICE.

The public are hereby warned that the Hallet & Davis Co., will be in no way responsible for debts contracted other than by myself or my order. HALLET & DAVIS. S. MYERS WESSEL, Mgr. Dixon, Ill.

CHRISTMAS MEATS.

Choice Meats from Armour & Co's. Fine choice Christmas Beef's, Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, at Donovan's. 38t3*

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to the nature of your troubles; or if you are not improving, but growing worse under present treatment, it would be wise not to delay longer, but consult Dr. Prettyman, the noted specialist, who has given his best years to the study of chronic and difficult cases. There is nothing new in medicine or surgery but what Dr. Prettyman commands in the treatment of his patients. He is fully abreast of the time and spares no pains or expense to conquer disease.

THE HUB CIGAR.

A fresh 10-cent cigar for 5 cents at J. R. Pollock's, 103 Galena Ave. 94tf

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Illinois Central railroad will sell excursion tickets on December 24, 25 and 31, 1896 and January 1st, 1897, within a distance of 200 miles at a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets good to return until and including Jan. 4th, 1897.

Personally Conducted Tour Through Mexico.

The North-Western Line has arranged for a personally conducted tour through Mexico, under the auspices of Mr. J. J. Grafton, the well known excursion manager. The party will unite at Chicago and leave there Tuesday morning February 2, 1897, in a special vestibuled train of palace sleeping cars, observation cars and dining cars, which will be their home for the entire trip. During the tour, which will consume thirty days, all of the cities and almost every place of interest in this wonderful country will be visited. To accommodate those who desire to remain longer than thirty days, arrangements will be made for the extension of the time limit of tickets. Illustrated pamphlets and full information as to rates, etc., will be furnished on application to agents, Chicago & North-Western Ry. Dec31s



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with a pair of our shoes. We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date shoes that we can give your size without any trouble in any style you may select. Our shoes are well made, look well, wear well and are priced reasonably. There's more comfort to be found by wearing a pair of our shoes than you could dream of.

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For furth particulars regarding this immense purchase see our "ad" on page 3. Read every article carefully and come prepared to buy for future use, as never again will such bargains as we offer be at your disposal.

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WORDS OF EXTREMEST CONTEMPT

Uttered on the Floor of the Senate of the President of the United States by the Senator from Alabama—Cuba Given a Rest—Annual Attack in the House on Civil Service Reform—Both Houses Adjourn to Jan. 5.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate indulged in a long debate yesterday on the Pettigrew resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 to take up the trust notes of the Union Pacific railway, the effect of such a resolution being in the direction of government ownership, and Pettigrew urged that it was a good opportunity for the government to make the experiment. This sort of debate was not what the galleries had expected. The word having gone forth that Vest was to speak on Cuba and Hill to reply the galleries were crowded in all portions. The resolutions were discussed by Gear, Platt and others. Morgan also got the floor. He said that the subject had been so deeply buried in fraud and crime as to be almost beyond the possibility of intelligent consideration. As to the pending funding bill Morgan said he opposed it, and when it came up he would insist on the fullest latitude of debate.

Wanted the People Protected.
He particularly desired to see the interests of the people of the Pacific coast protected against this monopoly and against a combination of those two vast influences—the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific—under private control. No section of the country had been so bound and made subservient as that of the Pacific coast by this Gorgon of monopoly. He believed the pending funding bill should be recommended to the committee and a more adequate remedy presented. The Union Pacific had enough in its treasury to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds and yet it came to congress as a bankrupt and mendicant asking for pity. It was not only paying interest on its bonds, but was paying dividends to British bondholders. These roads were pursuing what had become a fixed policy in railway management in the United States—the running down and wrecking of roads in order to manipulate them.

Contempt for the Nation's Executive.
Vest interposed at this point with a question as to the meaning of the president in his recent message that unless congress acted on this Pacific railroad question the executive branch would act by Jan. 1. Morgan gave a deprecatory gesture and said: "Now in all Egypt there was only one man and he was divinely inspired, who could interpret the dreams of Pharaoh. The senator ought not to ask me to interpret the president's message. If any man is capable of interpreting that message it is the senator from Missouri. I am not stopping to interpret the message."

Vest, with message in hand, desired a more exact answer, and proceeded to read the president's words, but he was called off, amid laughter, by Morgan's earnest remark: "I wish the senator would not bother me with that message."

Gear Urges Speedy Action.
Gear spoke briefly, urging speedy action on the Pacific railroad question, and saying he would seek to secure some headway immediately after the holidays. He announced that if a quorum of the senators was here during the recess meetings would be held to inquire into the questions which had been raised. Pettigrew's resolution was then referred to the committee on Pacific railroads.

Call secured the adoption of a resolution requesting the secretary of state for information as to the killing of Charles Gavin, a United States citizen, in Cuba. He read a letter from Mrs. J. M. Gavin, mother of the deceased, appealing for an inquiry, and saying that her son had been "hacked to pieces" by Spanish soldiers.

After passing several private pension bills, the senate at 3:38 p. m. went into executive session, which lasted until 3:05. The senate then adjourned to Jan. 5, 1897.

HOUSE KNOCKS OUT THE RECORD.

Legislative Bill Passed Before Christmas—Attack on Civil Service.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and then adjourned for the holiday recess. This is the first time in the history of congress that the legislative bill has been passed before the holidays.

The day was devoted to the annual debate on the civil service law, and as usual the attempt to strike out the provision for the commission was overwhelmingly defeated. There was a good deal of threshing over old straw and sparring for political points. Brosius, chairman of the civil service committee, defended the law (Rep.) of North Carolina made the motion to strike out the paragraph relating to the civil service, which was defeated—29 to 62. The bill as passed carries \$21,669,359. During the morning hour a bill was passed authorizing the railroads of the Indian Territory to change their alignments.

Baker (Rep.) of New Hampshire attacked the method of administering the civil service laws under the present administration. He asserted that 106 Georgians had been appointed to places in the interior department by this administration, that of 876 dismissals from the department 185 were veterans, and that the treasury department also had discriminated against Republicans in appointments, and dismissals, leaving but one Republican in the secret service. Under the spoils system the public business had been better handled than now, when clerks are kept under secret espionage and are no better off than factory hands.

sarcastically, "that he should not be entitled to the usufruct of his sin."

"I have always believed," responded Brosius, "that what a man has done in his degenerate days ought not to be thrown up to him when he has repented and occupies a front pew in the church."

Richardson of Tennessee expressed the hope that if any further extensions of the civil service law were made they would be made operative before March 4. "Then," said he, "we will see whether our Republican friends will stand by the law they themselves enacted."

After some further debate the civil service appropriation was sustained and the bill passed. The house then adjourned to Jan. 5.

Scott Wike Going to Florida.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Assistant Secretary Wike left for New York yesterday to be present at the trial trip of the New Ellis island ferry boat, "John G. Carlisle," recently completed for the immigration service at New York. He afterwards will go to Florida to spend the holidays, and while there will take advantage of the opportunity to look personally over the field of operations relating to filibustering expeditions.

Debts of the Pacific Roads.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress a computation of the Pacific railroad debts as made by the government actuary. The statement shows that the Union Pacific owes the government \$53,289,593. The balance due on account of the Central Pacific on the 1st of July next will be \$60,318,377.

Call for Money to Pay Pensions.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the interior has issued a requisition on the treasury for \$10,800,000 for the next months quarterly pension payment. The amount is divided as follows in part: Milwaukee, \$1,895,000; Des Moines, Ia., \$2,100,000; Chicago, \$2,750,000.

Indiana Postmasters Confirmed.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations of postmasters in Indiana: William E. Moss, at Bloomfield; Mary A. Mitchell, at Batesville; James A. Frost, Jr., at Orleans.

HOADLEY IS WITH MORGAN.
The Ohio Judge Says Olney Is Wrong in His Contention.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—The Commercial Tribune, having asked by telephone of Judge George J. Hoadley, of New York, to give his opinion in regard to the exclusive right of the president to acknowledge the independence of Cuba, he replied that "Plenary power over the relations of the United States to foreign governments is committed to congress by the power granted in section 8, clause 3, to regulate commerce with foreign nations; also to the president and senate by article 2, section 2, clause 2, to make treaties with the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators present, and by like advice and consent to appoint ambassadors. By express terms of article 6, section 2, the laws of the United States and all treaties are the supreme law of the land."

"From this it follows that the power to recognize foreign states and to determine which of two contending parties represents the foreign state is lodged in the president and senate by virtue of the treaty power and congress, subject to the veto of the president and the power to regulate commerce with foreign powers necessarily involve the right to determine which is the lawful foreign state with whom to treat or carry on commerce, because both are laws of the United States."

The judge adds that resolutions passed over the president's veto become laws as in the case of a bill, and "From the character given to the foregoing laws of the United States it follows that they take precedence in authority over any executive order receiving ambassadors, which is the power referred to in support of the claim that the president has a right to recognize foreign states without consulting congress. I desire to accompany the foregoing opinion with the expression of a strong conviction that the proposed action on the part of congress would be in the highest degree unwise, though not illegal."

POISON IN BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

Five in a Family Eat Them and Four Are at Death's Door.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Five members of the family of F. M. Roberts, a fireman on the Missouri Pacific railway, were poisoned by eating cakes made of prepared buckwheat flour yesterday. Four of them are at the city hospital and it is doubtful if they will recover. They are: Mrs. Mary Roberts; Ollie Roberts, aged 18; Frank Roberts, aged 16; Johnnie Roberts, aged 6; Lizzie Roberts, aged 8. George was only slightly affected. George Roberts, 10 years old, found a package of prepared buckwheat flour in the alley Monday night. He took the package home and his mother made buckwheat cakes for breakfast yesterday morning. At 8 o'clock the family ate breakfast. All ate heartily of the cakes save George, the lad who found the flour. He was not partial to buckwheat cakes.

Major McKinley Leaves Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 23.—President-elect McKinley left for Canton shortly after 10 o'clock last night in company with his wife. The most exciting part of McKinley's last day in Chicago was when a crowd of 4,000 persons surrounded his carriage in front of the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., in the afternoon and refused to let the carriage move on till the president-elect had shaken hands with several hundred of them.

That Chicago Man Turns Up.
Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 23.—After keeping friends on the anxious seat for a week, and three or four policemen looking for his body, Charles W. Prevost, the Chicago traveling man who disappeared from here a week ago Sunday night, has been heard from. R. Irving Warner, clerk at the Grand hotel, has received a letter from Prevost stating that he had arrived in Park Ridge, Ills., his home.

Two Children Burned to Death.
Portsmouth, O., Dec. 23.—Two children of Mrs. Christine Carlisle at Wakefield, Tommy, aged 2, and Ruth, aged 4, were burned to death. The mother had locked them in the house and had gone to a neighbor's to visit, and the house caught fire in her absence.

OFF TO THE FRONT

Gen. Weyler Leaves Havana for the Scene of Strife.

WILL TRY TO STARVE THE REBELS.

Orders All the Cattle Gathered Up—Report That Gomez Is Marching West Bent on Revenge for the Death of His Son and Maceo—His Men and Himself Infuriated at the Alleged Murder—Texan Giving Havana Troops Trouble.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Captain General Weyler arrived at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at Mariel, and was at Artemisa by 10 o'clock, whence he proceeded by coach in company with General Arosas, Chief of Staff Escribano and General Weyler's son, who is an aide to his father. General Weyler has ordered that the cattle be gathered up immediately by the guerrillas in order to deprive the insurgents of their food supply.

La Lucha's Comments on Canovas.
An editorial in La Lucha praises the stand taken by Senor Canovas, the Spanish premier. "He neither desires nor fears war with the United States," says La Lucha. "Such a conflict is far off, and will surely not arrive. The legislators in the United States who are favorable to the rebels do not represent American opinion. Senor Canovas is ready to repel any aggression and to show those who believe themselves mighty that Spain will stop any unreasonable and illegal pretenses, firm in her adage of 'honor above life and riches.'"

General Solano has raised the siege of the village of Mayagüea, in Santa Clara province, and has in turn attacked the insurgents, who retreated from the town with losses.

Gomez Red Hot for Revenge.
Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—A special to The Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says that at Havana preparations are being made with secrecy for a forward move. Three battalions of newly-landed troops left by water for the east. It is supposed that this is part of Weyler's coming campaign. Gomez is advancing rapidly and it is thought that Weyler will, if possible, prevent his coming to the gates of Havana. It is stated from Cuban sources that the Cuban leader is wild over the "murder" of his only son and his beloved chief lieutenant, and is burning to revenge their fall. The Cubans in the army are infuriated also.

Dr. Zertucha a Marked Man.
Dr. Zertucha is a marked man, too, and it is reported that a move has been made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed, the Cubans say, for if he goes over there they have friendly hands in that country who will avenge Maceo and young Gomez. Major Cifuentes also comes in for his share of hatred and revenge. Strong insurgent bands are now so close to Havana that the Spanish soldiers seldom venture far out of the gates of the city except in strong force. A company of twenty-five were attacked Sunday night not over three miles from the palace by an insurgent band and several of them killed. An American named Amos Johnson from Texas is their most prominent leader.

For and Against Recognition.
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—At a largely attended mass meeting last night to express sympathy for Cuba, a lengthy statement from Governor Holcomb was read. Among other strong statements he said: "I believe the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents has been already deserved."

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—The directors of the chamber of commerce, the largest and most influential commercial organization in Baltimore at a special meeting yesterday adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That in our opinion the action of the senate committee on foreign relations in favorably reporting the joint resolution to recognize the independence of the republic of Cuba, is against the public interest, and liable to inflict great damage upon the commercial and financial interests of this country. The board of trade took similar action."

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The board of trade yesterday adopted resolutions protesting against the adoption of the Cameron resolution on Cuba by congress. The resolution says that the board of trade sympathizes with any people struggling to be free, but believed recognition of independence to be inopportune at this time.

Judge Nearly Burned to Death.
Springfield, Ills., Dec. 23.—Judge Geo. W. Pleasants, of the appellate court bench, came very near being burned to death while smoking a pipe in bed in his apartments at the state capitol building at an early hour Monday morning. The pipe fell off the stem between the blankets, unnoticed by the judge. He was awakened from his slumber by the flames and dense smoke, and escaped with a few slight burns.

Horrible Murder at Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 23.—John Ryan, a peddler, murdered his sister Catherine last night by smashing her skull with a base ball bat. He pounded the woman until her head had lost all human shape. After killing her he turned over the stove and set fire to the house in the hope that the body would be burned, and his crime concealed. The police believe Ryan insane.

Trial of Dr. Goodman.
Pender, Neb., Dec. 23.—The preliminary hearing of Dr. J. S. Goodman, recently of Chicago, who is held on the charge of administering strychnine to his wife, which resulted in death, was begun yesterday. The hearing will probably occupy several days, as there are a large number of witnesses to be examined and considerable important testimony will be taken.

Purchase of a Michigan Mine.
Cleveland, Dec. 23.—The firm of Corrigan, McKinley & Co., of this city, have concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Blue Iron mine at Negaunee, Mich. The consideration is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Sent to the Pen for Life.
Detroit, Dec. 23.—Frank Ashley was convicted yesterday of the murder of James McGee. He was at once sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Children's Sets—knife, fork, spoon, napkin ring and gold lined mug, put up in satin lined box, worth all of \$1.75, for.....	Just the thing for modest Coffee Drinkers (they only hold about a quart) for..... 50c, 30c, and 25c
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RUN ON THE BANKS

Chicago Has a Brief Flurry in Financial Circles.

SEQUEL OF THE BIG TROUBLE.

Some More Failures Reported, the Principal Ones Being Those Involved with the National Bank of Illinois—Two Brewery Firms Assign—Slight Runs on Savings Banks That Are Met Easily—Two Bank Failures at St. Paul.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The failures of Angus & Glendle, general contractors; American Brewing, Milling and Elevator company; George A. Weiss Malting and Elevator company, and George A. Weiss individually—all these being due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois—and small runs on three banks, were echoes yesterday of the bank failures of Monday. Runs were made on the Garden City Banking and Trust company and Hibernian Savings bank, but none of the runs was of much importance. The officers of the Garden City Banking and Trust company had expected that a run would be made upon their institution, and were ready to meet it.

Opened Earlier Than Usual. They threw open the doors of the bank an hour earlier than usual, as they said they wanted to get the run out of the way so that they could transact their usual business without being disturbed. Quite a crowd of depositors gathered at the doors before they opened, and as soon as the bank was ready for business the depositors gave the paying tellers all they cared to do. The run was kept up with energy for over an hour, and then died away. At the close of banking hours the officers of the institution announced that during the day the amount of money taken in was treble that paid out, and the bank was declared to be in better shape than at the opening of the doors in the morning.

Run on the Illinois Trust. There was a slight run on the Illinois Trust and Savings bank shortly after it opened yesterday morning, the similarity of its name and that of the National Bank of Illinois having led some depositors to believe that the former was embarrassed. During the run in 1893 President John L. Mitchell, of the Illinois Trust, gave orders to pay all depositors who called for their money and was criticised by other bankers for doing so. Yesterday morning, as soon as it became evident that there was likely to be a crowd in the bank, instructions were given the tellers to serve the customary sixty-day notice, but to pay all depositors who could show that they wanted \$100 of their money for a legitimate purpose. The result was that a score or more of people who had lined up at the paying tellers' windows soon dispersed. Before the close of the banking hours the excitement had died completely out.

HELP FOR THE SMALLER BANKS.

The Reason for Giving Notice—Assignments That Were Made.

The giving of the notice was sanctioned by the clearing house committee, and the object was (the Illinois Trust being the strongest savings bank in the city) to give the smaller ones the opportunity to point to its action as an excuse for giving the notices themselves, which they did, and thus effectually stopped a run at any of the savings banks. The Illinois Trust and Savings bank is said to have \$9,000,000 in cash on hand, and was loaning money instead of, as in 1893, calling loans to meet the demands of the savings depositors. The run on the Hibernian Savings bank was of short duration, as the officers declined to make any payment on time deposits unless given the legal sixty-day notice.

The American Brewing, Malting and Elevator company, and George A. Weiss Malting and Elevator company, and George A. Weiss individually assigned last evening in the county court. No statement was filed as to assets and liabilities. The two companies carried on business at the same place. The failure of the two corporations was the result of the failure of the National bank of Illinois. The two companies were borrowers from the bank and indebted to the bank when it failed to the amount of over half a million. Weiss is a son-in-law of President Schneider, of the National bank of Illinois.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Two Central station detectives searched the town last night for E. S. Dreyer and Robert Berger, for whose arrest on a charge of embezzlement warrants were sworn out yesterday afternoon before Justice Hall by Frank E. Kennedy. The firm of Dicks & Kennedy kept its account at Dreyer's bank. At noon Saturday Kennedy made up his daily deposit and took it to the bank. The currency and checks aggregated \$154.15. The bank doors were closed, but on Kennedy showing him his book the doorkeeper permitted him to enter and the receiving teller accepted the deposit.

Kennedy's action in swearing out the warrants was largely induced by the treatment he received at the bank a few minutes before his trip to Justice Hall's. He visited the bank to make a courteous inquiry, and was told that if he did not leave the place immediately and voluntarily he would be forced to do so under the escort of a policeman. "Treatment of this kind," said Kennedy last night, "made me indignant, and I made up my mind that after I had lost my money I was at least entitled to civil treatment." No arrests had been made at latest advice.

DENIAL OF THE ECKELS STATEMENT

Directors Indignant at What The Currency Comptroller Says.

Directors of the insolvent National Bank of Illinois are indignantly denying the justice of Comptroller Eckels' criticism of their alleged carelessness in allowing the enormous loan to the Calumet Electric Railway company to be made, and then permitting an increase of the loan after they had received warning to watch it. The directors claim that the loan has not been increased to their knowledge, but that the accounts failed to reveal the extent of the credit allowed the Calumet company until recently. William D. Kerfoot, one of the directors, said that the directory had left no stone unturned

to discover any loan the wisdom of which could be doubted, but they had been deceived by the books. "Even the bank examiner did not know the extent of the loans, but as soon as they were reported to us we took immediate measures to investigate them thoroughly," said he. Dispatches from Washington contain the information that Comptroller Eckels has received many telegrams from Lyman Gage and other local business men commending his course in regard to the failure of the National Bank of Illinois. They expressed a belief that the failure would not be attended by a financial scare, and were hopeful of a favorable settlement.

BIG BANK FAILURE AT ST. PAUL.

Bank of Minnesota, with a Capital of \$2,000,000 Goes Down.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Two bank failures took place here yesterday, one of them, the Bank of Minnesota, having a capital of \$2,000,000. The state bank examiner is in charge. The other bank is the Union Stock Yards, which was carried down by the first, which is the oldest bank in this city. The bank had a share of the deposit of state funds, and at the time of the last statement had between \$70,000 and \$80,000 of state money on deposit; it was also the depository for the county, and until recently was the main bank through which the city business was transacted. Robert A. Smith, present postmaster and until last spring mayor of St. Paul, was for years vice president of the bank. William Dawson, Sr., was president and William Dawson, Jr., was cashier. The Dawsons ranked high among financiers.

Among the heavy depositors was Noman Kittson, whose every dollar was in the bank. The Union Stock Yards bank was owned by the Bank of Minnesota. That bank is perfectly solvent. The Bank of Minnesota has been known as such since 1882, but prior to that date from 1859 it was well known as William Dawson & Co., and under both titles was one of the leading banks in the northwest, as well as the oldest in the city. Dawson was also president of the Union Stock Yards bank. The stockholders of the bank include many of the leading capitalists of the city and state, and it is stated that they will advance money to put the bank on its feet again very soon. At any rate there is no question but every dollar due depositors and others will be paid in full.

ARBITRATED A LABOR CASE.

Decision in a Mine Wage Matter by the Illinois State Board.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 23.—Some time ago the miners employed by the Wash-Coal Mining company, No. 2, and the Athens Coal Mining company, located at Athens, Menard county, struck for an increase in pay from 32½ to 35 cents per ton. After remaining out for some time the mine owners and the miners determined to submit the matters in controversy to the state board of arbitration. Last week the board heard testimony and made public its decision. It is: That for mining coal by hand the price shall be 33 1-3 cents per gross ton; that loaders, drillers and shooters shall be paid 20 cents per ton gross; and loaders only 12½ cents per ton gross. Wages paid for mining in machine mines are to remain the same as before.

It was further adjudged that the new scale of wages shall date from the 1st day of December, 1896. The parties concerned agreed that if the owners of mines on or along the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad, between Springfield and Petersburg, in the future increase wages above the rate here determined that said companies parties to this controversy shall advance the wages of their employees to the same extent.

Ex-Representative Hatch Dying.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 23.—Ex-Representative W. H. Hatch is lying at the point of death at his home near this city. Yesterday morning he was thought to be dying, and his relatives and friends were hastily summoned to his bedside. At the noon hour he rallied and became conscious, and at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon was apparently better, but his friends say that he may linger two or three days or he may die at any hour. He is suffering from Bright's disease.

No Lives Lost in the Baltimore Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.—Up to 9 o'clock last night no deaths had been reported among the men rescued from the Baltimore mine. The fire in the mine is still raging. Mine Inspector Williams, in an interview, said that the energetic and timely action of the officials of the Delaware and Hudson company alone saved the lives of the fourteen men, who, it turns out, were all that were in the mine after the explosion drove out the others.

Burial of Roswell G. Horr.

Wellington, O., Dec. 23.—The funeral of ex-Representative Roswell G. Horr was held at the First Congregational church here and was attended by a large number of the old friends of the deceased. Touching remarks were made by Rev. A. E. Wall, the pastor, and by W. R. Wean, E. F. Webster and S. S. Warner, former business associates of Horr. The burial was in the village cemetery.

Metoxen a Wisconsin Indian.

Kaukauna, Wis., Dec. 23.—Jonas Metoxen, who played full-back at Chicago Saturday in the now famous foot ball team, is an Oneida Indian, whose home is but a few miles north of this city on the Oneida reservation. He is one of the five or six Oneidas who are receiving college educations at the Hampton and Carlisle schools for Indians.

Another "Nigger" Lynching Diversion.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—Joe James, colored, was lynched at Woodstock Monday night. He had attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17, while she was on her way to school. He said he wanted to steal the girl's lunch. He was stung up in front of Strecker's store in Woodstock.

Carver Wins the Live-Bird Shoot.

Chicago, Chicago, Dec. 23.—Dr. Carver defeated John L. Winston in the two remaining bird matches yesterday by scores of 45 to 32 and 45 to 38. This gives Carver four out of the six matches.

Preparing for an Emergency.

Paulsboro, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Dupont powder mills at Carvery's Point and Gibston are working night and day to fill large orders for the government.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago, has decided in a case involving nine grain elevator companies that they have no right to deal in the products they house. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

Mayor Swift, of Chicago, vetoed the 4-cent street-car-fare ordinance and the council could not pass it over the veto.

James Preston, aged 40, shot his wife, Amanda, aged 37, and the latter's son, William Bryant, aged 19, in the residence of Mrs. Preston and son, at 439 East Pearl street, Cincinnati. Preston and his wife will die. Jealousy.

Many families are reported to be starving in Union county, Ark., owing to the failure of crops last season.

Governor-elect Leedy presided at a Cuban meeting at Topeka, Kas., 2,000 persons being present. Strong resolutions were adopted urging President Cleveland to recognize the rebels. Jerry Simpson was the only speaker who did not declare for Cuban independence.

Police Captain Chapman, of New York, charges that Herbert B. Seeley, a member of Gotham's swagger set, hired women to dance nude before a party of his friends in private dining rooms at Sherry's.

Benjamin Haywood and Eva Good, an eloping couple from Clark county, Ky., blew out the gas in their room at a hotel in Jeffersonville, Ind., but were rescued.

Frank Orr, a Chicago lunatic, who recently declared that he owned Siegel, Cooper & Co.'s store, was sent to the detention hospital for the insane.

Mrs. Cecile Franklin, the St. Louis authoress, died from the effects of an overdose of cocaine.

Andrew Hart is under arrest at Lemville, Ia., charged with murdering his son, Andrew Hart, Jr., Dec. 13.

Sheriff Gunderson, of Norman county, Minn., shot and killed an unidentified bank robber at Rolette, N. D.

The jury in the federal court at Denver has returned a verdict of guilty against C. H. Dow, president of the defunct Commercial National bank; Sidney G. McClurken, receiving teller, and O. E. Miller, president of the Miller-Hernia Treatment company, on charges of misappropriation of funds, making false entries and aiding and abetting the same.

Inquiry develops that there is no truth in the story that Senator Allison has been offered the secretaryship of state.

Such a Very Considerate Mob!

Manhac, La., Dec. 23.—Jerry Burke, a colored boy who hacked Mrs. John Fos and her mother, Mrs. Cavanaugh, with an axe at their home at Clio, Livingston parish, on Saturday night, was captured by a posse of citizens about a mile from the scene of the crime. In view of the fact that the ladies are not dead the plan to burn him at the stake was abandoned, and he was simply riddled with bullets.

Big Deal in Pine Lands.

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Weyerhaeuser lumber syndicate closed a deal yesterday, purchasing large tracts of pine lands situated in six or seven counties in northern Wisconsin. The purchase involves \$700,000 and is one of the largest and most important known in lumber circles, and involves the fee title to nearly 30,000 acres of land.

Denied by the Senator Himself.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 23.—Senator Allison denied yesterday that he was to enter the cabinet of McKinley as minister of state. "I have not been offered that or any other position by McKinley," he said, "nor has anybody else offered me any position of any kind."

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

New York, Dec. 23.—Engineer John W. Bogart and Fireman U. G. Halleck, of an Erie local train out of Jersey City last night, were killed near Fish Creek on the Hackensack meadows by the derailling and ditching of their engine.

The Weather That Sometimes Comes.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois—Fair weather; colder; northwesterly winds. For Michigan—Snow; clearing this afternoon; variable winds. For Wisconsin—Generally fair weather; colder; northerly winds. For Iowa—Fair weather; colder; northerly winds.

THE MARKETS.

New York Financial.

Money on call easy at 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper 4½ per cent; sterling exchange was heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 47½-48¼; demand and 48½-48¾ for sixty days; posted rates, 48½-48¾ and 48¾-48¾; commercial bills, 48¾. Silver certificates, 65½-65¾; no sales; bar silver, 65½; Mexican dollars, 50½. United States government bonds strong; 4's registered, 119½; do. coupons, 119½; 4's registered, 106½; do. coupons, 110½; 2's registered, 5; Pacific 6's of 97, 90½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 22.

Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—December, opened 74½, closed 75½; May, opened 80½, closed 80½; July, opened 75½, closed 74½. Corn—January, opened 22½, closed 22½; May, opened 25½, closed 25½; July, opened 25½, closed 25½. Oats—December, opened 16½, closed 16½; January, opened 16½, closed 16½; May, opened 19½, closed 19½. Pork—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened \$7.65, closed \$7.60; Lard—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened \$3.82½, closed \$3.82½.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 29½¢ per lb; extra dairy, 17¢ per lb; fresh packing stock, 80½¢. Eggs—Fresh stock, 180¢ per doz. Poultry—Turkeys, 92½¢ per lb; chickens (hens), 54¢; spring chickens, 60½¢; roosters, 46¢; ducks, 50¢; geese, 70¢. Potatoes—Burbank, 20¢ per bu; Helron, 19¢. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$1.00-1.25 per bu. Honey—White clover, 10¢ per lb; extracted, 75¢. Apples—Common to fancy, 40¢-1.50 per bu.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.

Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 23,000; sales ranged at \$18.25-18.45 pigs, \$19.25-19.40 light, \$19.00-19.25 rough packing, \$19.25-19.40 mixed, and \$19.00-19.25 heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 4,000; quotations ranged at \$4.40-4.60 Christmas steers, \$4.50-4.60 choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.50-4.60 good to choice do, \$4.50-4.60 fair to good, \$4.50-4.60 common to medium do, \$4.40-4.50 butchers' steers, \$2.80-3.00 cackers, \$3.50-3.50 feeders, \$1.50-1.75 cows, \$2.40-2.50 heifers, \$1.75-2.00 bulls, oxen and sheep, \$2.25-2.40 Texas steers, and \$2.75-3.00 year calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 11,000; sales ranged at \$2.35-2.50 western, \$2.00-2.10 Texans, \$2.00-2.10 natives and \$1.00-1.50 lambs.

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 12 First Street, Dixon, Ill.

The Great Purchase Sale of E. Rothschild Bro's entire wholesale stock of High-Grade Clothing still continues. Suits and overcoats are being sold at Half and in many instances at One Third actual value. Never since doing business in Dixon have we sold so many suits and overcoats in a short time.

People are quick to appreciate values when it is plain to be seen. We enter upon the third week of this Great Purchase Sale with bargains of such unapproachable values as to command the attention of all people who deem it their duty to save big money in their purchases of clothing for man, boy or child. This is a sale without a peer. A Public Saving without an Equal. An opportunity to buy first class clothing at less than manufacturers' cost.

The Goods Are Here!
 And we began MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, with the
GREATEST RECORD BREAKING SALE
 as yet ever announced by any solvent concern.

Suits and Overcoats!
 For Man, Boy and Child, is represented in this vast purchase, at prices for
 Less than the Cost of Manufacturing.

It's not too late, and neither too warm, when such values as we have in suits and overcoats are at your command. This is an exceptional opportunity for you to buy good goods very cheap, as it is a seldom occurrence for a Dixon establishment to get in on the ground floor on deals of this nature. Below is a few of the many bargains we offer in this great purchase.

Men's Overcoat Department.		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.50	Closing Price
Retail Price	8.50	\$4 95
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	" " 6 50
Retail Price	10.00	" " 7 50
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$10.00	" " 9 50
Retail Price	13.00	
Men's Heavy Ulsters.		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.50	Closing Price
Retail Price	8.00	\$4 95
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	" " 6 95
Retail Price	10.00	" " 7 50
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$10.00	" " 9 50
Retail Price	13.00	" " 12 50
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$16.50	
Retail Price	20.00	

Men's Suit Department.		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$5.00	Closing Price
Retail Price	6.50	\$3 98
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$7.00	" " 5 50
Retail Price	8.50	" " 8 50
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$10.00	" " 12 50
Retail Price	13.00	
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$12.00	
Retail Price	15.00	
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$16.50	
Retail Price	20.00	

Boys' Suit Department.		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$3.50	Closing Price
Retail Price	4.50	\$2 98
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$6.00	" " 4 95
Retail Price	7.50	" " 7 50
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$8.50	
Retail Price	10.00	

Children's Suit Department.		
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$1.50	Closing price
Retail Price	2.00	\$1 25
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$2.50	" " 2 39
Retail Price	4.00	" " 2 95
E. R. & Bros.' Wholesale Price	\$3.50	" " 3 95
Retail Price	5.00	

The above line of Men's Suits and Overcoats, as well as Boys' and Children's, need no introduction to the people of this vicinity, as we have handled the same firm's make of goods for years, and have had the

Exclusive sale of them in Dixon.
Plymouth Clothing House.

